Department/Offices accountable for strict compliance of the Government orders for compliance of the Government orders for pension and gratuity, provisional or final by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employee who do not receive pension payment order/gratuity payment order on the date of retirement can bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry for expeditious settlement of such cases.

(c) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. Further, payment of pension is arranged in accordance with the option of the pensioner/retiring employee, through the Pay & Accounts Offices, Treasuries, Post Offices or Public Sector Banks. The information desired is therefor not available.

Bar on Government servants from joining R.S.S. activities

2117. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCS Rules framed in 1966 barring Goverment employees from joining and/or participating in R.S.S. activities are still in force.

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of Government clerks and P.As. to Ministers regularly participate in R.S.S. activities; and

(c) whether Government propose any Intelligence Bureau checks on Government servants to ascertain their R.S.S. links?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Instructions were issued in 1966 prohibiting Government employees from joining and/or participating in R.S.S. activities. These instructions are still in force.

(b) and (c) Political activities of Government servants are strictly discouraged and appropriate action is taken, wherever necessary.

Reports of working grop on Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2118. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official working group, set up by Government has found substance in the complaints by the State Governments that the Centrally-sponsored schemes are initiated without prior consultation with the State Governments which do not reflect the aspirations and needs of the people of different geographical regions; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the report of the working group?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Report of the Working Group is under the examination of Government.

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RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I would like to place the following resolution before the House in connection with the continued detention of Nelson Mandela, the great freedom fighter of South Africa:

"That the House unanimously resolves—

1. To demand the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela, the great and noble freedom fighter of South Africa who has, with indomitable courage and unflinching determination, remained true to the